

By Mr. McQuarrie:

Q. Would you suggest that the steam trawlers be prohibited altogether?—

A. Yes sir.

Q. You would?—A. Yes.

Q. There must be quite a large amount of money invested in trawlers operating at the present time; would you compensate those people, or what would you do about that?—A. Would they not be able to make a better use of those boats?

Q. Have you considered that phase of it?—A. However, this is yet to be said, there is this phase to it, that it must be remembered that the fishermen themselves have more money invested in the fish business than the corporations have.

Q. That may be true.—A. Here you have hundreds of boats the poor fishermen have had to buy, and they are rotting on the shore. They have had to board up their houses and leave for the United States, while their properties are going to ruin. The fishermen as a whole have between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 invested in the industry.

By Mr. Garland (Bow River):

Q. Would not the question asked by Mr. McQuarrie involve the question as to whether the financial investment was more important than the human element.

By Mr. McQuarrie:

Q. Your proposal, Father Boudreau, must be one thing or the other, either that you should compensate the owners of these trawlers, or that they should be prohibited without compensation.—A. Some are owned in England. We have sixty million invested at the present time.

Q. If you prohibit the use of trawlers, do you think it would be possible to get good prices for the fishermen.—A. Yes sir.

Q. That is the solution?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Short:

Q. If they have no fresh fish in the winter season, how are you going to supply the markets when the fish go off shore, and they cannot get them in rough weather, or by hook and line.—A. I have had fishermen tell me that when it is too rough for fishing vessels to fish, it is too rough for the trawlers to fish. I have never been on the Banks, myself.

I want to say this, before I forget it, that the Chairman of the Royal Commission offered his four colleagues to compromise on the question; he offered to recommend that only five medium trawlers be allowed to operate. You see, even the Chairman himself was in favour of some restrictions upon them.

By Mr. McQuarrie:

Q. Did he state that himself publicly?—A. Not himself, but the other commissioners did.

Q. Where did you get that information.—A. From one of the other commissioners; he wrote me about it, and asked me what I thought about it.

Q. I suppose you would not care to say who that Commissioner was?—A. No, I would not like to mention his name. He wrote to me about it, and I said I was not on the Royal Commission, that he could use his own judgment about the matter. I thought perhaps a compromise would be acceptable, if there was no other way out of it.